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AMBASSADOR PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

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1. KNOWLEDGEABLE PALACE SOURCE HAS TOLD US THAT GOI'S SADDAM HUSSEIN WILL VISIT QATAR APRIL 17-18.

2. ON APRIL 11, NEW IRAQI AMBASSADOR MUHAMMAD AL-GHANIM AL-ANAZI PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO THE AMIR. IRAQI REPRESENTATION IN DOHA HAS BEEN AT CHARGE LEVEL SINCE DECEMBER 1974.

3. COMMENT: NEW AMBASSADOR OBVIOUSLY RUSHED DOWN TO BE IN PLACE DURING SADDAM'S VISIT. SURFACE THAW IN GOQ-GOI RELATIONS

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BEGAN LAST MARCH AFTER IRAN-IRAQ RAPPROCHEMENT, AND WITH

AMIR'S JULY VISIT TO BAGHDAD. SENIOR GOQ OFFICIALS, INCLUDING
AMIR, HAVE EXPRESSED APPROVAL OF THE PRAKMATISM OF SADDAM'S
POLICIES BOTH INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY. AT SAME TIME, QATARIS
RETAIN HEALTHY SKEPTICISM ABOUT LONG RANGE IRAQI INTENTIONS
IN GULF.
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